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- 25X1 1. The Gata Pentru Munca si Apararea Patriei (Preparedness for Work and Protection of the Country) usually referred to as the GMA, is a leading paramilitary organization. It is under the direction of the Committee for Physical Education and Sports. This was created on the Soviet model to control all physical education and sports.
2. There are now in Rumania 10,000 sports collectives and more than 6,000 "sport bases". The collectives have 1,400,000 members. The political committee of the GMA makes a great fuss about the contrast between Rumania, where all may indulge in sports, and capitalist countries where only part of the population can do so. Special contrast is drawn with the USA, where sport is described as a means of exploitation for the enrichment of the bosses.

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